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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
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Attention: Ross A. Chittenden, Division of Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 2005 Federal Transportation  
Improvement Program Amendment No. 05-16

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed its review of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) 2005 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 05-16 submitted by your letter dated January 25, 2006. The amendment includes modifications to the state and local elements of the FTIP by adding or modifying various projects funded by various programs in Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FHWA approves this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). We understand that MTC's Administrative Amendment No. 05-20 will make necessary corrections to the funding information for the Port of San Francisco's Illinois Street bridge project, which is included in this amendment, to reduce the federal funding amount by 15% and reflect local advance construction funding.

In our letter to the MTC also dated January 26, 2006, the FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration made a joint air quality conformity determination for MTC's 2005 FTIP through Amendment No. 05-16. A joint air quality conformity determination for the amended FTIP is required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the metropolitan planning regulations, 23 CFR Part 450. The conformity determination and this approval were made after consulting with the EPA, Region 9 office.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of MTC's 2005 FTIP Amendment No. 05-16 into California's 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, this approval does not constitute project eligibility determinations for any specified program funding.



If you have any questions regarding this action, please call Mayela Sosa with the FHWA at (916) 498-5022 or [mayela.sosa@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:mayela.sosa@fhwa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mayela Sosa*

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